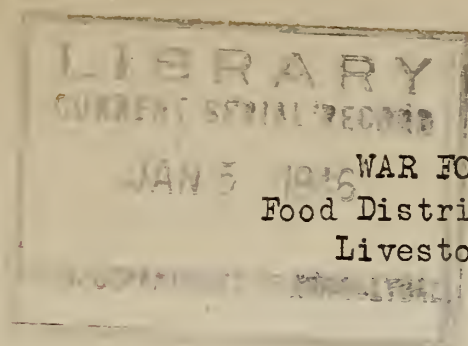


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MARKET NEWS AND GRADING DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. NL - 89

To: Field Offices, Livestock, Meats and Wool Market News

From: Fred J. Beard, Market News and Grading Division, Livestock  
and Meats Branch

Subject: Impending Shortages in Rail Equipment for Shipment of  
Livestock

The Association of American Railroads has served notice that the supply of stock cars, both single and double deck, is expected to be substantially inadequate during the peak movement of livestock this fall and winter.

The livestock shipper in many areas has grown accustomed to delivering his animals to the railroad stock pens without advance notice to the agent, expecting the cars to be available for loading. Due to the congestion in rail shipping this year, such conveniences can no longer be depended upon.

Therefore, it will be of assistance to the railroads as well as a protection to the shipper, during the fall and winter months in particular, if orders for cars are placed with the railroad agent in advance of anticipated shipment to permit the carrier to distribute the available equipment to loading stations based on actual requirements.

You are requested to convey through the market reports and news releases this information to farmers and livestock shippers in such manner as to obtain a favorable response.

*Fred J. Beard*

